

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for a telephone interview held on October 20, 2003 between the Examiner and Damon Treitler (one of Applicants' undersigned attorneys). (See interview summary dated October 20, 2003).

Amended claim 1 and new claims 21-29 are in this application. Claims 2-20 are cancelled.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Applicants submit herewith, replacement sheets for sheets 1 and 4, which now include descriptions for the blocks in Figs. 1 and 4. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that claim 1 has been amended to overcome the 112 rejection thereof. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is respectfully requested. Claims 2-20 are canceled and therefore the 112 rejections thereto are moot.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Skarda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,463,261).

Amended independent claim 1 includes features discussed during the above-mentioned interview, and now recites in part:

“an antenna device for receiving broadcast signals having a frequency associated therewith, said antenna device including a converter circuit for converting the frequency of the received signals;

...
a control means for controlling power supply to said antenna device and to the number of circuits of said sub-unit;

wherein when said broadcasting receiver is in said standby state and said detecting means does not detect insertion of said storage medium, **said control means stops power supply to the antenna device** and to the number of circuits of said sub-unit.”

(Emphasis added).

As discussed during the October 20th interview, Applicants submit that Skarda as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter merely “Skarda”) fails to disclose the above-quoted features of amended claim 1. For example, Skarda, in Figure 5, fails to disclose controlling power supplied to an antenna device. Instead, Figure 5 merely shows power supplied between a computer power terminal V_{cc} and an interface card power terminal V_{card} . (See also lines 42-44 of col. 8).

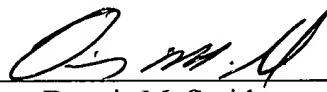
Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1, and claims 21-29 dependent therefrom, are distinguishable from Skarda. Claims 2-20 are canceled.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Statements appearing above in regard to the cited reference represent the opinions of Applicants’ undersigned attorney and, if the Examiner disagrees with any of such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicates specifically where in the reference there is a basis for a contrary view.

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